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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO
CONFERENCE (WARC) - PROPOSED VISITS.

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1. REFAIR PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING BACKGROUND
AND STATUS OF U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WARC. ADDRESSEE
POSTS WERE REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE TELECOMMUNI-
CATIONS OFFICIALS AND REPORT COMMENTS TO DEPARTMENT.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES
FOR VISIT BY A SMALL U.S. TEAM TO DISCUSS THE CONFERENCE.

2. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN ARRANGING FOR MEETINGS ON FOLLOWING DATES:

- A. RABAT - APRIL 24;
- B. ALGIERS - APRIL 26;
- C. CAIRO - APRIL 28 OR 29
- D. RIYADH - MAY 1
- E. TEHRAN - MAY 3 AND 4.

3. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO CARRY OUT INFORMAL PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

(EMPHASIS ON EXCHANGE) ON MAJOR ISSUES EXPECTED TO ARISE AT THE 1979 WARC. THE DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT MANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITIES AND/OR AGENCIES HAVE NOT YET STARTED DETAILED PREPARATION OR GIVEN THE MATTER MUCH THOUGHT. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS AT THIS TIME, PRIOR TO DEVELOPMENT OF OUR DRAFT PROPOSALS LATER THIS YEAR, WILL HELP THE U.S. OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND VIEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. U.S. TEAMS HAVE ALREADY VISITED TWENTY-EIGHT COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS EACH PROPOSED VISIT TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO U.S. WARC PREPARATION.

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4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION BE GUIDED BY THE WARC AGENDA (WHICH SHOULD BE KNOWN TO OFFICIALS) OR BY THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

- A. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WARC AGENDA AND IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE;
- B. TABLE OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS AND THE NEED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE OF INTEREST:

- 1. BANDS BELOW 3 MHZ INCLUDING AM-BROADCASTING;
- 2. HIGH FREQUENCY BANDS (3-30 MHZ);
- 3. MOBILE REQUIREMENTS (30-1000 MHZ);
- 4. SATELLITE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING FIXED, BROADCASTING, AERONAUTICAL, MARITIME AND MOBILE;
- 5. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR ALLOCATION CHANGES;

- C. COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES;
- D. PROGRAM FOR FUTURE WARCS.

DEPARTMENT IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY SPECIFIC MATTERS HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, HOWEVER, THE TEAM WILL NOT BE PREPARED GENERALLY TO TREAT NON-WARC ISSUES.

5. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF FRANCIS URBANY, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA); WILLIAM TORAK, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC); WILLIAM COOK, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD); AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER MEMBER. TEAM IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES RELATING TO 1979 WARC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET ANY TIME DURING STAY IN EACH CITY. AN EMBASSY OFFICER IS REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING AS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. IN ADDITION, EACH EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS ENCOURAGED TO SCHEDULE BRIEFING FOR POST OFFICERS AT ANY TIME AVAILABLE. DEPARTMENT IS AIR POUCHING SOME U.S. DOCUMENTATION ON 1979 WARC (I.E., FCC'S FIFTH NOTICE OF INQUIRY) WHICH IS THE ONLY MATERIAL RELEASABLE AT THIS TIME. TEAM WILL BRING LATEST U.S. VIEWS IF AVAILABLE BY DATE OF VISIT. IT IS HOPED THAT DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HELD IN ENGLISH, SINCE TEAM MEMBERS DO NOT HAVE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CAPABILITY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. PLEASE CONTACT APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL(S) AND ARRANGE FOR VISIT OF SMALL U.S. TEAM ON DAY(S) SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 2. A MINIMUM OF FOUR HOURS PER DAY IS SUGGESTED. U.S. DELEGATES TO RECENT ITU AERONAUTICAL WARC (JANUARY 1978 IN GENEVA) DISCUSSED PROPOSED VISIT WITH KEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL FROM THREE OF FIVE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW BY COUNTRY. WE SUGGEST THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THEY PLAY A ROLE IN DEVELOPING THEIR COUNTRY'S POSITION TO THE WARC.

B. PLEASE ADVISE PLACE AND TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS, LIST OF EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS AND POSITIONS (IF AVAILABLE), ADDITIONAL ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION, AND NAME/PHONE NUMBER OF EMBASSY CONTACT OFFICER.

C. REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

D. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS (SINGLE WITH BATH) FOR FOUR PERSONS FOR DATES GIVEN
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BELLOW. SPECIFIC ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

7. FOR ALGIERS: AEROWARC DELEGATION DISCUSSED VISIT WITH NOUREDDINE BOUHIRED, SECRETAIRE GENERAL DU COMITE DE COORDINATION DES TELECOMMUNICATIONS. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT VISIT WOULD BE TOO EARLY AT THIS TIME AND SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS IN LATE 1978. FOR REASONS GIVEN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, DEPARTMENT DESIRES OPPORTUNITY FOR EVEN A BRIEF VISIT FOR INITIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DURING THIS TRIP, WITH STRONG POSSIBILITY FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS LATER IN YEAR. HOTRES FOR APRIL 25 AND 26.

8. FOR CAIRO: REFERENCE CAIRO 3534 OF FEBRUARY 28, 1977. GOE WAS REPRESENTED AT RECENT AEROWARC BY MEMBER OF THEIR PERMANENT MISSION, GENEVA. GOE AGENCY

RESPONSIBLE FOR ITU MATTERS APPEARS TO BE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION. HOTRES FOR APRIL 27 TO 29.

9. FOR RABAT: REFERENCE (A) EMBASSY A-18, (B) EMBASSY 3442, (C) STATE 148203 (ALL 1977). PROPOSED VISIT IS ONE REFERRED TO IN REFTELS (B) AND (C). DEPARTMENT AIR POUCED TWO COPIES OF FCC'S FIFTH NOTICE OF INQUIRY TO EMBASSY IN JUNE 1977. ADDITIONAL COPIES WILL BE SENT, SINCE IT IS STILL USEFUL FOR TALKING PURPOSES. HOTRES FOR APRIL 22 TO 24.

10. FOR JIDDA: AEROWARC DELEGATES DISCUSSED VISIT WITH IBRAHIM AMED OBAID, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PTT, RIYADH, WHO REACTED FAVORABLY TO PROPOSAL. OFFICER TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TEAM COULD COME FROM EITHER EMBASSY OR USLO RIYADH. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SCHEDULE BRIEFING FOR POST OFFICERS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON (APRIL 29) AS TEAM PASSES THROUGH JIDDA. YOUR

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COMMENTS ON THIS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN SAUDI ARABIA WOULD BE APPRECIATED. HOTRES FOR APRIL 30 AND MAY 1.

11. FOR TEHRAN: AEROWARC DELEGATES SUGGESTED VISIT TO AMINOLLAH HAKIMIAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PTT, WHO WAS VERY RECEPTIVE. HOTRES

FOR MAY 2 TO 5. COOPER

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